

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 858

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor Senator Kerry Roberts for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost probity, and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kerry Roberts is one such distinguished public servant who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and distinction as a senate member of the 107th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Roberts has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Senate District 18, who have evinced their firm belief in Senator Roberts's abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve as their senator, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Senator Roberts served as the Secretary of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and a member of the Senate Government Operations Committee, the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, and the Transportation Coordination Committee; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Roberts, a resident of Springfield, is a native of Bedford, Indiana. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Lipscomb University; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud owner of The Bike Pedlar and renders sterling service as the President of The Resource Network; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of community service, Senator Roberts has dedicated his time and energies to a number of civic organizations, including the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure, the MS Society, the Downtown Rotary of Nashville, the

Robertson County Chamber of Commerce, the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce, the White House Chamber of Commerce, the Robertson County and Sumner County Republican Parties, the National Rifle Association, and Farm Bureau. He is also a former President and Chairman of the National Bicycle Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, Senator Roberts is recognized throughout the great State of Tennessee as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience with the interest of the good people of Senate District 18 in his heart; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career as a public servant, Kerry Roberts has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Kerry Roberts is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Dianne, and their three children; and

WHEREAS, Senator Roberts is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his distinguished tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Senator Kerry E. Roberts for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 18th Senatorial District, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.